

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1887.  
HOME NEWS.

## ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSENGER SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:  
MAIL.  
Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:10 P. M.  
Going North: 9:55 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

### Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the FREE PRESS at \$3.50—cash in advance.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Bracelets at cost. CHARTAIN & KNIGHT.

Ladies' undersuits, at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Hecker's oatmeal, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Cash paid for pecans by W. F. COPPIN.

Jellies by the can, at H. DONAHOO'S.

Gents' fine undersuits, at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Choice green apples at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Buy the Champion boot for \$2.20, at GREEN & CO'S.

For a first class meal go to Mrs. Robblee's restaurant.

The finest calf shoe for gents is at P. T. TALBOT'S.

For all sorts of fancy pickles go to H. HARDY & CO'S.

Cranberries, raisins, etc., at H. DONAHOO'S.

For something to eat and to wear, at the lowest prices, call on P. T. TALBOT.

For a warranted \$3 and \$3.50 gents' shoes go to GREEN & CO'S.

Largest installment of soap at prices to suit the times, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

Dry goods and groceries next door to First National Bank at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side Plaza, San Marcos, sep20-2m

Good board and lodging, at Mrs. ROBBLEE'S.

Pickles, catsup and sauces, imported goods, at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Full assortment of jellies and preserves, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

For mens and boys' overcoats go to GREEN & CO'S.

New stock of California canned goods, at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Full line of California canned fruits just received, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

For cheap mens, youths, boys and children's clothing go to GREEN & CO'S.

Ladies, gents, misses and children's shoes all kinds and prices at P. T. TALBOT'S.

Genuine fresh sardines, first class, at H. HARDY & CO'S.

For a fine Hook Foster kid glove in dress and undress at \$1.25, go to GREEN & CO'S.

Full supply of new crop sugar, kulant, potatoes, onions, apples, bottom figures for cash. SAN MARCOS GROCERY CO.

Remember we warrant every pair of our Saller, Lewin & Co's. boots and shoes. GREEN & CO.

Just received a car of the celebrated Hill's Patent flour the best in the market. P. T. TALBOT.

At Thos. Taylor's you will find a full line of choice family groceries as cheap as they can be sold elsewhere. Call and see.

Oh, where did you get that fine dress? At Green & Co's. What do you call it? It is called Alma.

Finest assortment of fancy pickles, sauces, mustards, etc., to be found at H. HARDY & CO'S.

For ladies' and misses' cloaks, New Mar-kets, wraps and jackets, go to GREEN & CO'S.

Mexican dishes in all styles at S. A. Warren's restaurant, McKie building, west side of the square. Good service. Everything clean. Give him a call.

Just arrived, another car load of Evans' best patent flour, in sacks and barrels which will be sold lower than ever. SAN MARCOS GROCERY CO.

Owing to the short cotton crop and the hard times we have concluded to sell groceries for spot cash cheaper than any other house in the city. Call and see. H. HARDY & CO.

Coffees, teas, molasses and cheese and everything pertaining to a first class grocery and supply store in abundance and at prices as low as the lowest, quality considered. SAN MARCOS GROCERY CO.

We are now prepared to do all kinds of job printing in the neatest style and very promptly, such as letter, note, and bill heads, statements, programmes, cards, etc. Our prices will be found to be lower than those of San Antonio or Austin. Leave your orders at the Free Press office.

The World Renowned Esley Organ. On easy terms. CHARTAIN & KNIGHT.

The Cheap Meat Market. The choicest fresh meats, of all kinds, at the old John Williamson corner, at four, five and six cents per pound.

Wanted. A "shoot" large enough to be fattened for home consumption the coming winter. Apply at this office.

For Sale. My residence in San Marcos, consisting of two large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. C. WOODCOCK, San Marcos, June 17th

The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call and make the acquaintance of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. No where in Texas can you find more comfortable, better fare, or more home comfort for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. We have tried it and advise others to do the same.

## Will You Help Us?

We have to raise a "right smart" sum of money (for these times) by the first of next month. Will our subscribers, who owe us, and others indebted to us please give us a lift?

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Baptist church.

If frost holds off as long as is usual in this latitude another crop of sorghum will be gathered.

The San Marcos Cresset comes out with a patent issue. What is the matter with you Bro. Hull?—Blanco Star.

The new railroad we understand will stop some time at Lockhart, pending the collection of material for its further progress.

Single copies of the FREE PRESS may be had at the office and at the San Marcos Bookstore—5 cents each.

And still the wonder grows how our city can continue to get along in the confessed absence of a complete code of ordinances.

We have an interesting original article on the important subject of sorghum culture which we hope to find place for in our next.

In our account of the Kerrville celebration in our last we should have stated the Fredericksburg brass band made the music.

The Blanco papers contain letters from former citizens from their new homes in Washington Territory. They claim to be satisfied, but are not enthusiastic over their change of base.

Attractive Entertainment.

We acknowledge complimentary tickets to the Y. M. C. A. Tabernacle, to be given at the Grand Opera House, San Antonio, on Friday night the 28th inst. It promises to be a grand affair, the very best talent of the city having been sought for.

N. B. The management hope to greet a goodly number of San Marcos people on the occasion.

Pegues & Co., are selling their goods at the following prices:

Hats for 35 cents, worth 75 cents.

" 75 " " 1.25

" 1.25 " " 2.25

" 2.00 " " 3.00

" 2.50 " " 4.00

Gents' linen collars 8c to 12c, worth 20c to 25c.

Gents' E. W. collars per dozen \$2.00.

Suspenders for 15 cents, worth 25 cents.

" 40 " " 75 "

" 50 " " 81.00

Shirts for 35 cents each worth 60 cents.

" 50 " " 75 "

" 75 " " 1.00

" 1.00 " " 1.50

" 1.25 " " 1.75

Socks for 34 cents per pair, worth 10c.

" 12 " " 20 "

" 15 " " 25 "

" 20 " " 35 "

Gents' Lisle Thread 37 1/2 cts, worth 75 cts.

Trunks for \$3.50, worth \$5.00.

" 4.00 " " 6.00

" 5.00 " " 7.50

Valises for 50 cts, worth \$1.00.

" 75 " " 1.25

" 1.00 " " 1.50

" 1.50 " " 2.50

" 2.50 " " 3.50

" 3.00 " " 5.00

Come early before stock is broken so that you can't find what you want; 50 per cent is saved by buying from us. We have the finest line of neck-wear in the town. We are going out in the next 40 days, and mean business.

Our Broadhead worsted dress goods are going, if you want a choice pattern come at once. GREEN & CO.

Just arrived, car load of genuine Liver-pool coarse and fine salt. Will be sold at the usual low prices by the SAN MARCOS GROCERY CO.

Hats, caps, shirts, neck-wear, hosiery and all kinds of furnishing at and below New York cost. We expect to close out our entire stock in the next 30 or 60 days. S. L. PROCTOR & CO.

Farmers.

Look out for our stock of Agricultural Implements the coming season.

G. W. DONALSON & CO.

Oysters!! Oysters!!

Oysters for family use and for festivals and suppers, cooked in any way that may be desired, and as cheap as the cheapest may be had at the restaurant of Mrs. Robblee.

Wanted!

The people to know that I am still carrying a full stock of groceries and a more complete stock than ever before handled at this stand. P. T. TALBOT.

Wanted, 10,000

Men, women and children to examine my stock of boots and shoes. I have the largest, best and cheapest stock of all grades ever before shown in San Marcos.

J. V. HUTCHINS.

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Respectfully, J. A. BEALL.

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We aim to make friends, and try to please all by being uniformly polite, prompt and accommodating. We want you to get into the habit of coming to us for articles you need in our line, and if pure goods, low prices, and constant attention and civility will do so, I will make you feel at home in my store.

By uniting efforts to make my stock superior in every particular, I appeal to your judgment, because of an earnest determination to treat all fairly and honestly, I ask for your consideration, and on these principles I ask for a share of your patronage.

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Southern papers are doing a great work for their country. In its development they are taking the lead, and they are exerting such a mighty force for the uplifting of the people by steadily and persistently fighting for the right and striving to encourage all classes to unite in pushing on the great progress of that section as to attract universal attention. They have sowed, but others have reaped the profits. Certainly, with the improving financial condition of the South, the time has come when every well-edited and well managed Southern paper should have its columns well filled with local advertisements at good prices.—Manufacturers' Record, Baltimore.

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